



HEROES

CHAPTER 48 HEROISM IS FOUND IN THE HEART

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Hiro teleported Ando back to Japan, keeping his friend out of the final conflict at Kirby Plaza. Ando, unable to find any trace of what happened to Hiro after the battle, decided to stay in Japan. Returning to Yamagato Industries, Ando reconnected with his old crush, Kimiko... who also happened to be Hiro's sister. Unfortunately, Ando soon learned he had much bigger obstacles in winning her heart...



THAT'S *FUMIO FUKAZAWA*. HIS GANG HAS BEEN TERRORIZING THE CITY AND TAKING WHATEVER THEY WANT.*
WHY ARE THEY *HERE*?

I CAN THINK OF *ONE* REASON.

* EDITOR'S NOTE: TRANSLATED FROM JAPANESE.



THERE YOU ARE, MY KIMIKO.

FUMIO AND I USED TO DATE EACH OTHER IN SCHOOL. HE'S BEEN SPIRALING INTO TROUBLE EVER SINCE I BROKE UP WITH HIM.



HE WON'T GET WHAT HE WANTS *THIS* TIME.

WHAT DOES HE WANT?

ME. ALWAYS HAS. ALWAYS WILL.



HE WANTS KIMIKO? AS CRAZY AS IT SOUNDS, I SUDDENLY HAVE A STRONG UNDERSTANDING FOR WHAT FUMIO MUST BE FEELING.





HERE IT IS. THE *ULTIMATE SHOWDOWN* BEGINS. AM I READY TO FACE THE ENEMY?

GET THE *GIRL* AND GET RID OF HER *FRIEND*!



LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

A GREAT WARRIOR KNOWS WHEN IT'S TIME TO RETREAT AND FACE THE ENEMY ANOTHER DAY.



I CAN USE AGILE AND LIGHTNING QUICK REFLEXES TO ESCAPE. I ONLY HOPE KIMIKO IS OK.

EGAD!



EAT HEEL!



THANKS FOR DIVERTING HIM!

UH, SURE THING... YOU KNOW HOW TO RIDE A MOTORCYCLE?



WOW, I DID IT. I HELPED US GET AWAY. BIG MAN. I EVEN *FEEL* TALLER!



OH... I'M SITTING ON SOMETHING.

AN EXTRA HELMET. PERFECT! IT WILL BE A HEROIC GESTURE TO GIVE IT TO KIMIKO!



HEY, KIMIKO! LOOK...

OOPS.



NICE WORK, ANDO!

SHE REMEMBERED MY NAME!

HA, I'VE FACED OFF WITH THE WORST VILLAINS EVER. THESE GUYS ARE NOTHING!

ALL CLEAR NOW. THIS IS PRETTY ROMANTIC. A RELATIONSHIP BORN FROM INTENSE CIRCUMSTANCE. LIKE KEANU REEVES AND SANDRA BULLOCK.

OH NO. NOWHERE TO RUN. NOWHERE TO HIDE.

WE'RE TRAPPED. YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING, ANDO.

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY. I DON'T HAVE A SPECIAL POWER. WHAT CAN I DO? I THOUGHT... MAYBE... BUT...

KIMIKO! MAKE THIS EASY ON YOURSELF AND *BE* WITH ME!

I'M SCARED.

I MUST.

DON'T WORRY. I WILL PROTECT YOU WITH MY LIFE.



HEY, *FUMIO*!
YOU CAN COME
AFTER KIMIKO,
BUT YOU'LL HAVE
TO GO THROUGH
ANDO FIRST! SO...
BRING IT!

THAT'S VERY
CLICHÉD. YOU'LL
BE KILLED!



UH OH...
NOT *HIM*...

RETREAT!



A MOST IMPORTANT LESSON: SOMETIMES YOU
ONLY NEED TO SHOW THAT YOU BELIEVE IN
YOURSELF, AND ALL WILL FALL INTO PLACE.

THAT'S
RIGHT! YOU
RUN!

YOU *DID* IT!
ANDO, YOU'RE
MY *HERO!*



I WAS A HERO.
AND I DIDN'T
NEED *POWERS*
TO DO IT. IT WAS
ALL ME, BABY.

IMPRESSIVE...

YOU'VE
PROTECTED
MY DAUGHTER AND
PROVEN YOUR
WORTH, ANDO.

ENJOY YOUR
MOMENT IN THE
SUN. WE ALL
NEED THEM.

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